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1. The Ruze Chemical Factory at Maribor East, about 15 kilometers west of Maribor, on the northern slopes of the Pohorje Mountains in northern Slovenia, was the only Yugoslav chemical plant producing oxygen before World War II. The plant also produced Dissous gas, used in steel welding. Present production of oxygen has increased by 200 percent over 1939 production, and present production of Dissous gas by 600 percent over the 1939 figure. The plant also manufactures sulphur dioxide and carbon dioxide.

2. Sometime in 1943 the Ruze factory began the production of liquid air under German supervision.

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